

The Honorable James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
VINCENT L. FIELDS,  
Defendant.

NO. CR17-119JLR

**ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL DATE**

~~(Proposed)~~

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the stipulated motion of the parties to continue trial in this matter.

19        Defendant is charged with one count of *Armed Bank Robbery*; one count of  
20 *Brandishing a Firearm in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence*; and one count of *Felon in*  
21 *Possession of a Firearm as an Armed Career Criminal* (“ACC”). If Defendant is in fact  
22 an ACC and is convicted on all counts, he potentially faces a combined mandatory  
23 minimum of 22 years.

24 As set forth in the motion, the defense needs additional time to review and  
25 evaluate the discovery materials produced as to the charged offenses. In addition, the  
26 parties need more time to research whether at least one of Defendant's prior convictions  
27 does, in fact, count for ACC purposes. Lastly, the parties have received information that  
28 Defendant may be a suspect in additional bank robberies, and both parties need additional

1 time to secure the investigative materials as to those allegations and to evaluate the  
2 impact on this matter, if any.

3 Defendant has already filed a written waiver of his speedy trial rights and requests  
4 a continuance of the trial date. The government joins in the request.

5 Based on the foregoing, and being otherwise fully advised, the Court finds and  
6 rules as follows:

- 7 1. Defense counsel needs additional time to evaluate the current discovery, to  
8 further research Defendant's complicated criminal history, to evaluate possible  
9 motions and prepare a defense. Proceeding to trial without providing a  
10 continuance would result in a miscarriage of justice, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §  
11 3161(h)(7)(B)(I).
- 12 2. Both parties need additional time to secure and evaluate material related to  
13 additional robberies allegedly committed by defendant.
- 14 3. Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, a continuance is necessary to  
15 allow Defendant a reasonable time for effective preparation of his defense.  
16 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).
- 17 4. The Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting a continuance in this  
18 matter outweighs the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy  
19 trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

20 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

21 ORDERED that the trial date is continued from June 26, 2017 to January 3, 2018.

22 ORDERED that pretrial motions will be filed no later than Nov. 9, 2017. 

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1 ORDERED that the resulting period of delay from the present to January 3, 2018  
2 is hereby excluded for speedy trial purposes pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and  
3 (B).

4 DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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The Honorable James L. Robart  
U.S. District Court Judge

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